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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Hon. C. A. Finley, of Lake City, was a visitor to the capital last Saturday.

Col. W. W. Flournoy, of DeFuniak, was in the city this week on legal business.

Miss Clare Bowen has gone to accept a fine position in the Carrabelle high school.

Mr. George Halle, now in business in Madison, visited his Tallahassee friends the first of the week.

Mr. Wm. C. Hodges has returned from a summer jaunt, by automobile, among the Canadian hills.

Mr. A. G. Reynolds, field manager of the Wrought Iron Range Co., has gone to Live Oak on business.

Hon. F. W. Marsh, clerk of the U. S. Court at Pensacola, is in town, kept out of Pensacola by the fever.

Hon. N. A. Blich, State Supervisor of convicts, was in the city this week, looking "fat and sassy."

Mrs. H. Clay Crawford has returned from a delightful summer visit to friends and relatives in Portsmouth, Va.

Superintendent Holloway left the capital on Tuesday for an extended visitation to the South Florida schools.

Extensive additions are being made to the handsome home of Mr. John E. Johnston, on North Adams street.

Miss Miriam Choate arrived on the G. F. and S. train Tuesday evening from an extended visit in Georgia.

Junius Chaires, one of the colored hackmen, had the misfortune to lose one of his horses last Saturday night.

Mrs. W. A. Maxwell and son, Ellis, daughter and grandson of Sergeant Ellis, are making a visit to their old home.

Mr. Edward Gray, one of Leon's oldest and best citizens, was in the city Tuesday and made us a pleasant visit.

The work of repairing the First Baptist church is now completed, and services will be conducted there again Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Snipes have returned to the city, and will "inhabit" the Butler cottage, on North Adams street.

Master George Betton Ames and several other Tallahassee boys left last Saturday for Lake City, to enter the University.

Hon. Fred. T. Myers, wife and son returned Tuesday, after several weeks' pleasant visiting in Chicago and other points of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Phelps Wilson, Mrs. Eugene Perkins and Mrs. Geo. B. Perkins were among the returning Tallahasseeans last week.

Miss Fannie Shutan, Gen. Foster's very competent and charming stenographer, will attend the First Regiment encampment, at Lake City.

Hon. W. B. Shepard, U. S. District Attorney, of Pensacola, with his interesting family, is stopping at Mrs. Bond's, waiting for the fever to abate.

Mr. S. E. Teague, of Apalachicola, was in the city Wednesday, made us a very pleasant visit and had his name enrolled on our subscription books.

Our city fathers were in regular session Tuesday and transacted the regular routine business of the month, and ordered printed a descriptive pamphlet of Leon county.

Contractor Parker is at work remodeling the Presbyterian church, placing the beautiful new Gothic windows and otherwise repairing and improving the ancient structure.

The Leon Hotel has been leased by Mrs. Lamb to Messrs. E. F. Dukes and J. D. Hutchinson. The True Democrat wishes the new proprietors a long and profitable business career.

Communications on the subject of the assignment of teachers for Leon High School have been received, but, as the names of the writers have not been furnished, we cannot use them.

Mr. George E. Lewis, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, leaves this week, to attend the National Bankers' Convention at Washington. He will be accompanied by Misses Mary and Evelyn Lewis.

Levy Brothers have leased a most eligible lot near the Seaboard depot and will erect thereon a capacious and strictly up-to-date warehouse for the further accommodation of their constantly increasing business.

Stephen Maynor has opened up a nice restaurant, in a new and clean building, next Levy Bros., on Market street, where he will keep the best oysters on hand during the season and be pleased to serve his old customers.

Hon. W. M. Girardeau, of Monticello, was in the city Monday attending to legal business. He has represented Jefferson County during the last two sessions of the Legislature, and is one of that county's most successful business men.

Mr. Ed. Gramling, from the Centreville neighborhood, appeared upon our streets Thursday. His face, as it always is and has been, was illuminated with a smile. There's something in the future for Ed, and, of course, he feels good. Hence the smile.

Miss Marion Bowen is at home again, after visiting friends in the country.

As Governor Broward is again bereft of his private secretary, he might be able to persuade Comptroller Croom to return to him "Sunday School Charlie," whom he so sadly relinquished a few weeks ago with a fulsome certificate of character. Stranger things have happened.

Tallahassee business men will welcome the arrival of Mr. J. A. Suder and wife, to take charge of the Western Union Telegraph Company's office here. Mr. Suder has been in the employ of the company for several years, at Augusta, Ga., and elsewhere, and is a pleasant and affable gentleman.

Last week, on the Greenhow plantation in this county, lightning performed some peculiar pranks. It struck a small but valuable house used for storing cotton, shattered the roof and knocked out one side, set fire to it, and consumed it, but did not injure any one of seven negroes who were sleeping on the cotton.

Among the many excellent teachers belonging to and honored in Tallahassee who have been affected by the recent policies of the school board, none ranks higher in her specialty than Miss Child, who was the pioneer of kindergarten work in Leon county. Her years of earnest endeavor in this work, performed under great disadvantages, will long be remembered by those whose little ones received its benefits, and with sincere regret that after it all she has been forced to seek other fields of labor.

Church Notices.

Preaching on Sunday, 11 a. m., at First Baptist Church, by the pastor. Bible School, 10 a. m. Junior Baptist Union at 2.30 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U., 4.30 p. m.

In the evening the Junior Union will render the beautiful program entitled "The Crowned Year." At the conclusion of this program diplomas and seals will be delivered for the past year's work. Every one is invited to enjoy these services with us.

Trinity M. E. Church, South, Rev. J. W. Bigham, pastor.—Sunday School at 9.30 a. m.; Sermon at 11 a. m.; Senior Epworth League, 4 p. m.; Junior Epworth League, 8 p. m.; Evening Sermon, 7.30 p. m. Public cordially invited. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7.30 p. m.

St. John's Episcopal Church, Rev. Dr. W. H. Carter, rector.—Services: Sundays and holy days, Holy Communion 7 a. m. Sundays, 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Fridays, 7.30 p. m. St. Michael's (colored).—Services: Sundays, 4 p. m. Fridays, 4.30 p. m.

Another Sheriff Sale.

Monday last being legal sale day, Sheriff Hopkins offered for sale, under executions controlled by Col. R. W. Williams, as attorney for creditors of I. B. Hilson, the same property—engines and presses—which had already, on August 7, been sold under the same executions, and purchased for \$250 by John G. Collins.

Sheriff Hopkins had been notified by Attorney Williams that the making of a second sale, after having once sold the same property, was illegal; and had also been instructed by him to make additional levies to satisfy balances due on the executions, but had disregarded such instructions.

Mr. Collins was also present at the sale of the property which he had lawfully purchased at a previous sale (and which the sheriff failed to deliver to him), and protested against the re-sale, stating the facts.

Strangely enough, Mr. W. A. Rawls, who had endeavored to prevent the first sale by claiming that the property belonged to the Capital City Bank under a mortgage or other claim, appeared as a bidder at this second sale, and, as no other person present cared to "buy a lawsuit," he became the alleged purchaser, having bid \$1 (!) for the same property which Mr. Collins, at the first sale, in good faith, had purchased for \$250.

The entire transaction, or series of transactions, presents one of the most lawless and high-handed examples of official misfeasance ever experienced in this vicinity, and will, of course, be carried into the courts; and the blame for bad advice to the officer and obstinate following of the same on his part, will be placed where it rightfully belongs.

Executive Appointments.

To be Assistant State Auditor—W. B. Sadler, of Lake City.
To be Sheriff of Duval County—M. A. Brown.

Notice for Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
LAND OFFICE AT GAINESVILLE, FLA.,
September 30, 1905.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before clerk Circuit Court at Tallahassee, Fla., on November 11, 1905, viz: Moley Browning, widow of Lewis Browning, deceased, of Meridian, Fla., Hd. 20111—for the lot 2 section 12, Tp. 8 N., R. 1 W.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Sittie Cromartie, of Meridian, Fla.; Jennie Butler, of Meridian, Fla.; John Cromartie, of Meridian, Fla.; Lewis Cromartie, of Meridian, Fla.
W. G. ROBINSON,
Register.

A Glaring Injustice.

To the Editor:

A considerable wave of indignation is passing over our beloved Leon county, caused by our county school authorities in failing to appoint as teachers some of our competent citizens who held first and second grade certificates, and some of whom have had many years of successful experience in teaching the children of our city and county, and who have given such unbounded satisfaction to the parents and the public; but, instead, the school authorities have thought proper to fill these places with strangers from distant States—strangers not known by anyone here, and who were advertising for employment, and of whose qualifications our school authorities knew nothing, and who, upon examination, could only obtain third grade certificates.

As good luck would have it, the ladies thus brought here turned out to be very worthy, and with graces becoming the best society. They are in no way to blame, as they were requested to come to fill vacancies, not knowing why these vacancies existed. We wish them all success and all the happiness attainable.

But the point is, *Why did not our school officials consider the fact that we have here as fine and as capable teachers, with all the graces, and many with much more experience in teaching successfully; those whom we know; who hold a higher grade of certificate; whose families pay taxes to help support the government and these very schools; whose families have been paying taxes for so, these many years, and are fully identified with the best interests of our county?*

How did our school authorities commit such an error? Did they not know that such action was not the wish of our taxpayers and other citizens, who are also kinsmen of these Leon county teachers who have prepared themselves by many years of study and many hundred dollars of expense in attending summer schools out of the State in order that they may keep themselves up to date in their methods of teaching and discipline?

Nowhere can there be found a more competent and worthy set of teachers for our own children than we have right here among us, and, being all this, and our own kinspeople, we want them to fill the teachers' places in our own county; ones we are supporting by the sweat of our brows.

We must have "a day" in such matters. It is our right and our duty to speak up for our own people; and even if there had been a small difference in capacity against our own teachers, we had rather our own be given the places.

Moreover, it is whispered that \$50 was taken from our public school treasury and sent to each of these strangers in distant States as a present to help them pay their traveling expenses to this place. Is this giving away of our county school funds lawful? And if it is lawful, is it right on other lines?

ZARNOVA.

The R. J. & B. F. Camp Lumber Company have closed a deal with the Saxon-Barnes Land and Naval Stores Company for some thirty odd thousand acres of their fine timber lands in Liberty county, including a large saw mill at Carrabelle. This deal was put through by the enterprising real estate agent, Mr. J. J. Whispell, of this city, the consideration running up into big figures. This is a portion of the large purchase by the Saxon-Barnes Land and Naval Stores Company of about two years ago, which they have been holding for the great advance in prices. They are now placing the balance of their lands on the markets.

The fever situation at Pensacola has vastly improved since the doubters and knockers and other obstreperous and pestiferous elements of its population have been silenced by the gravity of the conditions and the force of public opinion. All Florida stands amazed and admiring at the spectacle of the faithful and devoted service of Health Officer Porter and his associates and lieutenants, against the shameful odds of opposition and apparently malicious obstruction which have confronted them, and it is with a sense of relief and thankfulness that evidences are now manifested of a return to reason on the part of the obstructionists.

Another question affecting public interests has been broached by the late "rulings" of the President. If the head of a department "goes wrong" what is the duty of a subordinate? If he says nothing is he not liable to suspicion of hiding the crime? If disclosures addressed to headquarters elicit no response, is he justified in supposing they have been intercepted or that headquarters is playing mum also? Under such circumstances, should he take the public into his confidence? The President says such publicity is guilt. Is not the public the ultimate head to which all appeals must finally go? Is not "entire publicity the best security against dishonesty"? There will soon be a call for judgment on this point.—Times-Union.

Embroidery Silk, Embroidery Cotton and Battenberg Thread and Braid at R. J. Evans'.

Have the officers of Pasco county ever taken a thought that government license was prima facie evidence (and will be accepted in court as such) that the holder is selling whiskey? The tiger business is in a flourishing condition in our county, and somebody is to blame. Who is it? Don't all speak at once. Richland's tiger business is on a boom, we hear, and there's no telling, if the truth was known, who was implicated in starting that tiger.—Dade Co. Star.

It is told that in a nearby town, recently, a local newspaper published a paragraph stating that a certain business man of the town was in the habit of hugging his lady typewriter, and if he didn't quit it his name would be published. Before the paper appeared the following week twenty-three business men called, paid up their subscriptions, left orders for twenty-three columns of advertising and told the editor to "pay no attention to foolish stories."—Mantel Record.

Commenting upon the recent award of a contract for State printing to the E. O. Painter Co., of DeLand, the Jacksonville Metropolis says:

This insures decent work, and it will probably be in striking contrast to some of the other rotten work turned out for the State of Florida in the past, and which the people have had to pay dearly for. That the State of Florida has been forced to accept some of the printing done for the State is nothing less than disgraceful, and would give the impression to outsiders that the work was turned out by a backwoods job office, whose proprietor was careless, ignorant and incompetent. This sort of thing has been severely criticised throughout the State, and the citizens generally believe that Mr. Painter will show up excellent work. Had the St. Augustine Record, the Florida Index or the True Democrat succeeded in securing the contract they would doubtless have turned out excellent work also, because they have a reputation for doing excellent service, and their publications show care and are up to date, typographically.

If the conclusions of the Tallahassee True Democrat are correct, graft has entered into nearly all the departments of the State government, and its baneful influence has crept into many of the counties of the State.—Ocala Banner.

The Banner should not have given the impression that this paper is or has been accusing the present State government, as such, of "graft." We have accused the Jennings government, and have not done with it yet. Not since the carpet-bag period have so many crooked transactions been known as during the time Jennings was governor. We do not believe that all of his governmental associates participated in it, or even knew of it. But we believe that the "graft" period ended with the close of the Jennings administration—save in the case of the State printer—"and associates."

Nothing to Fear.

Mothers need have no hesitancy in continuing to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their little ones, as it contains absolutely nothing injurious. This remedy is not only perfectly safe to give to small children, but is a medicine of great worth and merit. It has a worldwide reputation for its cures of coughs, colds and croup and can always be relied upon. For sale by all druggists.

A number of young ladies, among whom were Misses Lena Baird, Pearl Whetstone, Gertrude Westguard, Clara and Eva Dean, left for Tallahassee Tuesday, where they will enter the Woman's College. The people of Gainesville have a great deal of confidence in these young ladies and feel that they will not be disappointed in them.—Gainesville Sun.

Wounds, Bruises and Burns.

By applying an antiseptic dressing to wounds, bruises, burns and like injuries before inflammation sets in, they may be healed before maturation and in about one-third the time required by the old treatment. This is the greatest triumph and discovery of modern surgery. Chamberlain's Pain Balm acts on this same principle. It is an antiseptic, and when applied to such injuries, causes them to heal very quickly. It also allays the pain and soreness and prevents any danger of blood poisoning. Keep a bottle of Pain Balm in your home, and it will save you time and money, not to mention the inconvenience and suffering such injuries entail. For sale by all druggists.

Board.

The attractive home of Mrs. George Greenhow, at No. 405 North Monroe street, has been lately remodeled and furnished with modern improvements, and is now ready to accommodate a few select boarders.

Zephyr, Shetland Floss and Ice Wool at R. J. Evans'.

A Passing Word of Praise.

No class of people have more to contend with than the traveling salesmen. One reason for that is that the average person is somewhat suspicious of the man who comes to sell something. And the reason for that is, that nearly every man, some time in his life, has been made to buy something he did not need, by the glib tongue of some traveling salesman, or the misrepresentation of that salesman. But, while that is true, the innocent should not be made to suffer for the acts of the guilty, and when a gentlemanly set does come along with something really meritorious to sell, we should be all the more careful to give them the courteous treatment they deserve, and their full meed of praise.

A few days after Mr. A. G. Reynolds, manager, and his crew, representing The Home Comfort Range, invaded this county, some three months ago, Mr. Reynolds was in this office to make some advertising arrangements, and a business man happened in the office at the same time, and when Reynolds left he remarked: "I think you will find him all right; he and his men have been working in Jackson county, where I have been attending court, and all speak well of them." That was our first acquaintance with Mr. Reynolds. After that, as time advanced, we had occasion to meet several of his men, and through our correspondents and others in the county we have heard quite a good deal about the business they were doing, and their methods; and The True Democrat takes pleasure, now that they are about to leave the county for other fields of labor, to commend them to the good people, wherever they may go, as gentlemen, jovial, fair dealing party of moral, upright, hustling business men, with something real good to sell, something that its name implies, a real "Home Comfort."

Mr. Reynolds himself is a gentleman, and, as he says himself, he cannot risk his own reputation and the business interests of his house in the hands of men who are not strictly all right. Men whose every day business takes them into the homes of the country, where often as not the man of the house may not be present, must be sober and upright, or else they are not fit to be entrusted with so delicate a mission. "One thing I am proud of," says Mr. Reynolds, "and that is my boys. They have been with me a long time, and I have never known one of them to do an ungentlemanly or dishonorable act." And from what we can learn, Mr. Reynolds' pride and confidence in his men is not misplaced. They are active and alert in their work; they have a good article to sell, and they know it, and talk it, but they make no promises they do not keep, and they are prompt, accommodating and reliable in their business engagements. And "the boys" seem quite as fond and proud of Mr. Reynolds as he is of them, as an exceptionally handsome watch and chain and beautiful diamond studded watch charm, presented him by them a few days ago, will testify.

Mr. Reynolds and his crew will leave here to-morrow, perhaps, for work in Suwannee county, and wherever they go, The True Democrat commends them to the consideration and kindly treatment of the public.

Wanted!

For any one of the following issues of The True Democrat we will pay ten cents:

No. 1, March 3; No. 6, April 7; No. 19, July 7; No. 20, July 14th.

The above are to complete our files. We also wish to secure copies of the following, for which we will pay five cents each:

No. 10, May 5; No. 13, May 26; No. 14, June 2; No. 18, June 30; No. 21, July 21; No. 22, July 28; No. 23, August 4; No. 24, August 11; No. 26, August 25; No. 27, September 1; No. 28, September 8.

SURVEYING.

W. T. BANNERMAN will do your Surveying anywhere in the State. P. O. Address, Meridian, Fla. sept. 15-6m

Write Stanley's Business College, Macon, Ga., at once for catalogue. This school cannot supply the demand for its graduates. 30-1m.

For Sale.

A medium-sized second-hand boiler, with equipments, for sale cheap. Apply at this office, or at Leon Hotel, and see it. 31-tf

To Rent!

A tenant wanted for the newest and best office room in the city. Call and look at it, up stairs, over The True Democrat office.

Store to Rent.

The store room now occupied by the Singer Machine Company, under telephone exchange, will be vacant and to rent soon. For particulars, apply at this office.

Warranty Deeds, legal form. True Democrat Office. tf

Ladies' Ready Made Underwear cheap at R. J. Evans'.